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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</p> <p>2 SENATOR LEE CONSTANTINE</p> <p>3 SENATOR DARYL L. JONES</p> <p>4 SENATOR J. ALEX VILLALOBOS</p> <p>5 SENATOR DANIEL WEBSTER</p> <p>6 REPRESENTATIVE RANDY BALL</p> <p>7 REPRESENTATIVE MARIO DIAZ-BALART</p> <p>8 REPRESENTATIVE MIKE FASANO</p> <p>9 REPRESENTATIVE MITCH NEEDELMAN</p> <p>10 REPRESENTATIVE KEN SORENSEN</p> <p>11 REPRESENTATIVE MARK WEISSMAN</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1 will then provide some specific information about census</p> <p>2 results in this region and the state. The rest is reserved</p> <p>3 for you, the citizens.</p> <p>4 Every ten years after completion of the updated</p> <p>5 national census, the Constitution requires that the Florida</p> <p>6 Legislature redraw boundaries of the districts of the</p> <p>7 Florida House, the Florida Senate, and the United States</p> <p>8 Congressional.</p> <p>9 The Legislature will take up this task beginning</p> <p>10 March -- I mean, I am sorry, January 22nd, 2002, and ending</p> <p>11 on March 22nd, 2002. These districts drawn will first be</p> <p>12 used in the November 2002 election.</p> <p>13 Redistricting is a central element of our</p> <p>14 representative democracy. We take this on with humility</p> <p>15 and due regard for the importance of this difficult job.</p> <p>16 We are also committed that the process will be fair, open</p> <p>17 and inclusive. These public hearings represent a first</p> <p>18 crucial step in this process. We appreciate that we are</p> <p>19 doing the work of the people. We want to hear from you and</p> <p>20 help you participate in a meaningful way.</p> <p>21 To encourage public participation Senate President</p> <p>22 John McKay and House Speaker Tom Feeney have scheduled 24</p> <p>23 public hearings throughout the state. All members of the</p> <p>24 Legislature's redistricting committees as well as local</p> <p>25 delegation members have been invited to these public</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Please rise for the Pledge of</p> <p>3 Allegiance.</p> <p>4 (Pledge of Allegiance.)</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Good morning. I'm Daniel Webster,</p> <p>6 State Senator from District 12 and Chairman of the Senate</p> <p>7 Redistricting Committee. It's my pleasure to welcome you</p> <p>8 to this meeting. It's one of many that we are holding</p> <p>9 throughout the summer and fall all over Florida.</p> <p>10 Let me first explain the procedure which we will be</p> <p>11 using in these public hearings. This is a public hearing</p> <p>12 and the sole purpose and only purpose of this is to hear</p> <p>13 from the public on matters of redistricting. This is not a</p> <p>14 committee meeting, we will not be taking legislative action</p> <p>15 at this or subsequent public hearings; instead, this is the</p> <p>16 public's forum. We have the opportunity to receive public</p> <p>17 input, citizen input about their electoral districts.</p> <p>18 It's not a time for legislative debate. All</p> <p>19 Representatives and Senators will have numerous</p> <p>20 opportunities in subsequent committee hearings and in floor</p> <p>21 debate to address the members' concerns or wishes. Today,</p> <p>22 however, is for our constituents. We must not diminish</p> <p>23 their voice by taking up valuable time today in debate.</p> <p>24 Following my brief remarks counsel will give a general</p> <p>25 overview of legal considerations in redistricting. Staff</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 hearings. The House and the Senate have designated web</p> <p>2 sites as a tool for public input and will broadcast select</p> <p>3 hearings on Florida's public television stations.</p> <p>4 The web address for the House and Senate redistricting</p> <p>5 are available at the information table. A link also will</p> <p>6 be available from the Florida Legislature's web site. The</p> <p>7 redistricting plan for the State House and the State Senate</p> <p>8 will pass in the form of a joint resolution which will not</p> <p>9 be subject to the Governor's approval or veto but will be</p> <p>10 reviewed by the Florida Supreme Court.</p> <p>11 The plan determining congressional districts will not</p> <p>12 be reviewed by the Florida Supreme Court but will be</p> <p>13 subject to the veto or approval of the Governor. I</p> <p>14 encourage everyone to carefully review the 2000 Census, it</p> <p>15 is an essential building block on which Florida's</p> <p>16 redistricting plans will be built. The address for the</p> <p>17 United States census web site is available at the</p> <p>18 information table.</p> <p>19 We are here to listen and consider your voice. We</p> <p>20 encourage each member of the public to testify and help us</p> <p>21 craft your legislative districts. We also encourage</p> <p>22 written submissions in addition to the testimony during the</p> <p>23 public hearing. Everyone wishing to speak must fill out a</p> <p>24 speaker's card, which we have here. That is the only way</p> <p>25 in which we will know who wishes to speak, and after the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 hearing, who actually spoke. Speaker cards are available 2 at the sign-in table. We want to hear from as many as 3 possible, therefore we must limit comments to four minutes. 4 On behalf of Senate President John McKay, House 5 Speaker Tom Feeney and the members of the Legislature I 6 look forward to working with all of you on this historic 7 and important task. 8 At this time I would like to recognize Miguel DeGrandy 9 who is the House lead counsel on redistricting and former 10 member of the Legislature. Mr. DeGrandy. 11 MR. DEGRANDY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members. For 12 the record, my name is Miguel DeGrandy, I am counsel for 13 the Florida House of Representatives on reapportionment and 14 redistricting matters. I will be giving you a brief 15 overview of the law regarding reapportionment and 16 redistricting today for the benefit of maybe one or two 17 members who haven't heard it before, but mainly for the 18 benefit of the public. And I believe it will help them 19 guide their testimony. 20 This presentation is by no means intended to be a 21 comprehensive or complete review of the issues related to 22 the topic, but it is intended to give you and the members 23 of the public an introduction to the basic principles and 24 constraints that will guide the decision making of our 25 State Legislature as it proceeds with this very important DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 advanced, the State Legislature will begin considering the 2 opinion of Florida citizens. Then legislative committees 3 will convene this fall, and beginning in January the full 4 Legislature will begin the process of developing and 5 considering different districting plans. The regular 6 session ends in March of 2002. 7 And although the legislative process can be concluded 8 in the regular session for redistricting, the Constitution 9 does provide for additional sessions and review processes 10 in the event that the work of the Legislature on 11 redistricting is not completed within the regular session. 12 For example, the Florida Constitution requires the 13 Governor to reconvene the Legislature in a special session 14 in the event that redistricting plans are not adopted 15 during this year's regular session. This special session 16 on redistricting shall by law not exceed 30 days. From 17 there the processes become a little more tedious and 18 technical, and I will attempt to explain them by talking 19 about the Congressional process first and then the State 20 legislative process. 21 If during the regular or the special session 22 reapportionment plans are adopted by the Legislature or 23 Congress, the Governor has the opportunity, as stated by 24 the Chairman, to approve or veto the adopted plans. Under 25 Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, which we will discuss DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 task. 2 The task of reapportionment and redistricting is the 3 process of dividing residents of a jurisdiction, in this 4 case, the residents of the entire state of Florida, into 5 different electoral seats or districts. Reapportionment 6 and redistricting are Constitutional requirements and both 7 the Florida Constitution and the United States Constitution 8 require this process to commence every ten years after the 9 census. 10 Because of Florida's population increase over the last 11 ten years, Florida will have two additional members in the 12 United States Congress for a total of 25 seats. Therefore, 13 with regard to Congressional Districting, the State 14 Legislature will need to create 25 separate, contiguous 15 districts to cover the entire state, one for each of those 16 members of Congress. 17 The Legislature will also need to divide the state 18 into 40 state Senate Districts and 120 State House of 19 Representative Districts. Although the Legislature may, if 20 they choose, reduce the number of State Senate and House 21 Districts to as low as 30 and 80, respectively. 22 The Florida Constitution also requires that the State 23 House and Senate Districts be consecutively numbered and 24 either contiguous, overlapping or identical territory. 25 Commencing with this public hearing process, which is well DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 in a minute, the Justice Department or the United States 2 Federal District Court for the District of Columbia must 3 also review certain parts of the plan in a process that is 4 sometimes called preclearance. 5 Now, with respect to the State House and Senate seats, 6 if the Legislature adopts redistricting plans, then 15 days 7 after passage it is the Florida Attorney General who is 8 required to petition the Florida Supreme Court for a 9 determination of the validity of the Legislature's plan. 10 If the Florida Supreme Court declares the Legislature's 11 plan to be invalid, then the Constitution mandates that 12 within five days of such determination the Governor must 13 reconvene the Legislature in an extraordinary session of no 14 more than 15 days, at which session the Legislature adopts 15 a joint resolution conforming to the judgment of the 16 Florida Supreme Court. 17 Assuming the regular and special sessions end without 18 adoption of a redistricting plan for the State Legislature, 19 the Attorney General must petition the Florida Supreme 20 Court to commence deliberations on the establishment of a 21 redistricting plan. Within 60 days of this petition the 22 Florida Supreme Court must file an order setting forth such 23 a plan. 24 As with Congressional redistricting there must also be 25 a preclearance analysis on selected portions of Florida's DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 plan. In effect, to recap the two different processes, 2 with respect to Congressional Redistricting, the Governor 3 is empowered by the Constitution to sign or veto the bill, 4 subject, of course, to legislative override. With respect 5 to State Redistricting, it is the Supreme Court of the 6 state and not the Governor that will review the plans and 7 determine their validity.</p> <p>8 Now, let's talk a little bit about redistricting 9 principles. In adopting a redistricting plan the 10 Legislature will be guided by several factors including the 11 principle known as one person, one vote, and the 12 requirements of the United States Constitution and Federal 13 Statutes. The principle commonly referred to as one 14 person, one vote, developed from a series of landmark 15 United States Supreme Court cases in the 1960s. And 16 generally this principle stands for the proposition that 17 each person's vote should count as much as anyone else's 18 vote.</p> <p>19 In the context of redistricting this principle was 20 used to defeat the practice of several states in 21 maintaining districts for legislative offices that were 22 substantially different in population size. The Supreme 23 Court concluded that significant disparities in district 24 populations resulted in each voting district with the 25 smaller population actually carrying more weight than the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 equal basis with nonminority voters.</p> <p>2 Another section of the Voting Rights Act, Section 5, 3 applies to certain jurisdictions, such as the one you are 4 in today, that have previously met the criteria for this 5 type of review. The courts have stated that Section 2 and 6 Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act entail a different 7 processes of analysis.</p> <p>8 Under Section 5 covered jurisdictions are required to 9 submit any proposed change to their practices or procedures 10 affecting voting, including any changes to election 11 districts resulting from redistricting for approval by 12 either the Attorney General of the United States or the 13 Federal District Court of the District of Columbia. This 14 must be done prior to implementation.</p> <p>15 This process is what is known as preclearance. And in 16 Florida the covered jurisdictions include Collier, Hardee, 17 Hendry, Hillsborough and Monroe counties. The vast 18 majority of preclearance requests are made directly to the 19 United States Attorney General's office. Preclearance is 20 obtained if the Attorney General effectively indicates that 21 the office has no objection to the change, or if, at the 22 expiration of 60 days from submission, no objection to the 23 submitted change has been made by the Attorney General.</p> <p>24 Whether it is through the Court proceeding or the 25 administrative process through the Attorney General's</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 vote in the larger district. In effect, the one person, 2 one vote standard forbids major disparities in the creation 3 of Congressional and Legislative Districts.</p> <p>4 For Congressional Districts the courts have instituted 5 the strictest standard. As a rule of the thumb, population 6 among the different districts in one state should be 7 substantially less than 1 percent overall deviation. 8 Deviation is analyzed based on the concept of the ideal 9 district size. For example, in the state of Florida, if 10 you take the state's total population and divide it by 25 11 Congressional Districts the resulting number would be the 12 ideal size for each district in the state.</p> <p>13 Congressional Districts should then be drawn to be 14 well within this 1 percent of the ideal number. For State 15 Legislative Districts the courts have permitted a greater 16 deviation among districts and courts have accepted 17 differences between districts of up to 10 percent total 18 deviation in certain circumstances.</p> <p>19 Other important standards to factor into the 20 Legislature's consideration are set forth in the Voting 21 Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Protection Clause of the 22 United States Constitution. Section 2 of the Voting Rights 23 Act prohibits any practice or procedure including certain 24 redistricting practices that impair the ability of a 25 minority community to elect candidates of choice on an</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 Office, the covered jurisdiction is the one that bears the 2 burden of demonstrating that the proposed voting change, 3 quote, "does not have the purpose and will not have the 4 effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account 5 of race, color, or membership in a language minority 6 group." The analysis performed under Section 5 is also at 7 times called a retrogression analysis.</p> <p>8 In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, as some of us well know, 9 the legal rules regarding the redistricting and 10 reapportionment process are indeed complex. And this short 11 presentation can only provide very general guidance on some 12 of the delicate issues that will apply to this process, 13 some of which are still being litigated in the courts.</p> <p>14 Mr. Chairman, on behalf of my Senate colleagues, the 15 House legal team, we thank you for the opportunity to make 16 this presentation.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you, Mr. DeGrandy. At this 18 time I would like to recognize Todd Thompson who is the 19 staff director of the House Redistricting Committee to make 20 a brief presentation on some of the information from the 21 2000 Census that we will be looking at throughout this 22 process. Mr. Thompson, when you are warmed up.</p> <p>23 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will give a 24 brief overview for the State of Florida concerning the 25 census and then I'll give a brief overview for the Monroe</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 County area.</p> <p>2 Florida is a rapid growing state, as we all know.</p> <p>3 According to the 2000 Census, Florida's population is just</p> <p>4 under 16 million people. This is an increase of over</p> <p>5 3 million since 1990 or roughly 23 and a half percent. And</p> <p>6 as a result of our growth Florida has gained two new</p> <p>7 Congressional seats now for a total of 25.</p> <p>8 Miami-Dade County is Florida's most populous county,</p> <p>9 it is just over 2.25 million residents, followed by</p> <p>10 Broward, Palm Beach, Hillsborough, and Pinellas counties.</p> <p>11 Flagler County, up on the Atlantic coast, experienced the</p> <p>12 fastest rate of growth percentage-wise in the state of</p> <p>13 Florida over the past ten years at 73.6 percent rate of</p> <p>14 growth. The top five counties in terms of percentage rate</p> <p>15 of growth in the last ten years are Flagler, Sumter,</p> <p>16 Collier, Wakulla, and Osceola counties.</p> <p>17 Jacksonville remains Florida's most populous city with</p> <p>18 over 735,000 residents. The top five cities in terms of</p> <p>19 population in Florida are Jacksonville, Miami, Tampa, St.</p> <p>20 Petersburg, and Hialeah. The minority population in</p> <p>21 Florida has increased over the past ten years. The</p> <p>22 African-American population is now over 2.3 million in the</p> <p>23 state of Florida or 14.6 percent of the population. And</p> <p>24 the Hispanic population of Florida is just under</p> <p>25 2.7 million now or 16.8 percent of the state's population.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 ten years. And Key West the largest city in Monroe County</p> <p>2 in its population is 25,478.</p> <p>3 Miami-Dade County to the north, as I said earlier, its</p> <p>4 population is over 2.25 million, experienced a 16.3 percent</p> <p>5 increase over 1990. And then to the north, again, Broward</p> <p>6 County population is over 1.6 million and experienced a</p> <p>7 percentage rate growth of 29.3 percent.</p> <p>8 And you can find all of this information and more at</p> <p>9 our House and Senate redistricting web sites, and the</p> <p>10 addresses for those web sites are at the information desk</p> <p>11 in the back. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you, Mr. Thompson. Ladies</p> <p>13 and gentlemen, as I stated earlier, we will be using</p> <p>14 speaker cards to call people from the audience who want to</p> <p>15 provide comments. If you want to talk you must fill out</p> <p>16 one of these. You will also notice in the bottom</p> <p>17 right-hand corner there is a number and we will be calling</p> <p>18 you by number. If there's anyone who wishes to speak you</p> <p>19 can see someone at the back and they can help you and</p> <p>20 assist you in filling out a speaker's card.</p> <p>21 Please remember that in order to ensure that everyone</p> <p>22 has an opportunity to speak, we will be limiting remarks to</p> <p>23 four minutes per speaker. Of course we welcome any written</p> <p>24 submissions that you might wish to present. If you have</p> <p>25 any handouts, be sure to place them on the front table here</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 And the Hispanic population has surpassed the</p> <p>2 African-American population as the largest minority group</p> <p>3 in the state of Florida.</p> <p>4 The median age in Florida has risen over the past ten</p> <p>5 years from 36.3 years in 1990 to 38.7 years according to</p> <p>6 the 2000 Census. Age 65 plus, our seniors, our most</p> <p>7 valuable resource, there are now over 2.8 million</p> <p>8 Floridians aged 65 and above. And while this is an</p> <p>9 increase of over 400,000 since 1990, the actual percentage</p> <p>10 of the population aged 65 and above has decreased.</p> <p>11 As Mr. DeGrandy touched upon, there is an ideal</p> <p>12 population for each district and that population is reached</p> <p>13 by dividing the number of districts into the State's</p> <p>14 population. For a 120-seat State House district each</p> <p>15 district would have an ideal population of over 133,000</p> <p>16 residents. An ideal 40-seat State Senate plan, an ideal</p> <p>17 district would have about 400,000 residents. And a 25-seat</p> <p>18 Congressional plan, each district would have 639,295</p> <p>19 residents.</p> <p>20 And now I'll give you a little more detailed</p> <p>21 information about Monroe County and the surrounding area.</p> <p>22 Monroe County is now just under 80,000 residents according</p> <p>23 to the 2000 Census. This is only a 2 percent increase over</p> <p>24 1990. And Monroe County experienced the slowest rate of</p> <p>25 growth for a county in the state of Florida over the past</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 somewhere, we will have a place and we will make sure that</p> <p>2 those are included.</p> <p>3 All right. We will begin with Number 1.</p> <p>4 MR. TEMPLE: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, my</p> <p>5 name is Michael Temple. I am a staff representative with</p> <p>6 the American Federation of State, County, Municipal</p> <p>7 Employees. I live here in Key Largo up by Adams Cut. A</p> <p>8 few comments this morning. I want to thank you for the</p> <p>9 opportunity to speak today. I think that it's unfortunate</p> <p>10 that I -- that not all working people could be able to</p> <p>11 attend today. The schedule is such that working people are</p> <p>12 unable to breakaway from work. I have been very fortunate</p> <p>13 myself to be able to do so.</p> <p>14 So, I would like to comment that we should have these</p> <p>15 hearings at an hour more accommodating to working men and</p> <p>16 women. I would also like to ask this body to hold more</p> <p>17 hearings in Monroe County. The time and location of this</p> <p>18 hearing doesn't facilitate the participation of</p> <p>19 constituents in Key West and other communities. In the</p> <p>20 matter of redistricting itself, my foremost concern is that</p> <p>21 Monroe be strongly considered in its own community of</p> <p>22 interest. Districts should be drawn to be self-contained</p> <p>23 within Monroe County. What should be avoided at all cost</p> <p>24 is the creation of districts that separate communities of</p> <p>25 the Keys while lumping those communities in the mainland</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 districts.</p> <p>2 For example, rather than putting Key West in a</p> <p>3 district with Naples and Key Largo in another district with</p> <p>4 Kendall, it would be far more sensible and beneficial to</p> <p>5 this community to have Key West and Key Largo in the same</p> <p>6 district.</p> <p>7 I would also ask that, given the unique geography of</p> <p>8 Monroe County and the Keys, that the principles of</p> <p>9 contiguity and compactness be strictly adhered to.</p> <p>10 Finally, I feel that the public hearing should again be</p> <p>11 held when preliminary redistricting lines have been drawn</p> <p>12 by the Legislature and that these public hearings should be</p> <p>13 more numerous and more accessible than these hearings.</p> <p>14 Again, thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 2.</p> <p>16 MR. DOUGLASS: Good morning Honorable Senators and</p> <p>17 members of the Florida House of Representatives, it's a</p> <p>18 pleasure to be here today and see some of you, all of you,</p> <p>19 and some of you I know very, very well. First of all, my</p> <p>20 apologies, I have to speak and run. I have the pleasure of</p> <p>21 working with the Florida Kid Care Program. And I want to</p> <p>22 thank all of you for what you do on behalf of children. We</p> <p>23 have 4500 children in this county. You are doing great</p> <p>24 things. Thank you for what you do for children.</p> <p>25 I am speaking today as a private citizen. I have</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 and west. In fact, if you look at a map of our county a</p> <p>2 large chunk, a major chunk of our county is up and north</p> <p>3 and to the west of us, out towards Collier County.</p> <p>4 And that's really where, obviously, most of our</p> <p>5 citizens can relate, particularly people who live on the</p> <p>6 west side. That's not to take anything away from the fact</p> <p>7 that we need to continue to associate with our counties to</p> <p>8 the north, we do that and do that very well. You put an</p> <p>9 unusual burden, by the way, on our most local officials,</p> <p>10 state officials included, when they have to represent such</p> <p>11 a diverse challenge. And I congratulate those that are</p> <p>12 doing that so well because it is not very easy to do.</p> <p>13 So, having said that, I would appreciate all that you</p> <p>14 can do to give consideration to making sure that our voice</p> <p>15 is continually heard, both here and in Washington. And</p> <p>16 thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to you</p> <p>17 today.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 3.</p> <p>19 MR. McDONALD: Good morning, my name is Tom McDonald,</p> <p>20 I have been a resident of the upper Keys here for 22 years</p> <p>21 and I have five children and much of what I have to say was</p> <p>22 just spoken by my friend Keith here. I have been following</p> <p>23 these reapportionment hearings fairly close and what I</p> <p>24 gather is that there's a contrast between the two coasts</p> <p>25 here. Gulf coast residents have told you that they have</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 raised two wonderful daughters with my wife for the past 11</p> <p>2 years here in Monroe County, specifically in Islamorada.</p> <p>3 And as a former county commissioner and county mayor I have</p> <p>4 had the honor of serving the wonderful people of this</p> <p>5 county from Key Largo to Key West and thoroughly have</p> <p>6 enjoyed the experience.</p> <p>7 One of the things that I learned as an elected</p> <p>8 official was that there's a tremendous diversity of the</p> <p>9 people that live here, both socially, economically,</p> <p>10 culturally. But they do have one thing in common, whether</p> <p>11 they live in Bahama Village in Key West or in Ocean Reef up</p> <p>12 here in North Key Largo, and that is their unusual nature</p> <p>13 of living out here in the middle of the ocean in rural</p> <p>14 America, very unusual place to live, very wonderful place</p> <p>15 to raise a family.</p> <p>16 That's what holds them together, what makes this</p> <p>17 really one large community. And that is one thing that I</p> <p>18 really came to learn as an elected official. When you look</p> <p>19 at the nature of what makes us so unique and living out in</p> <p>20 the middle of the islands, that doesn't take away from the</p> <p>21 fact that we should also relate to our neighbors to the</p> <p>22 north, and I think we do that very, very well.</p> <p>23 But what happens is we have to remember we are still</p> <p>24 rural America. We relate more, at least socioeconomically,</p> <p>25 culturally, environmentally to our neighbors to the north</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 nothing in common with the Atlantic coast residents and the</p> <p>2 Atlantic coast residents have told you they have nothing in</p> <p>3 common with Gulf coast. But we have someone in common, our</p> <p>4 county is on both coasts. We have more mileage, actually,</p> <p>5 being on the Gulf coast than the Atlantic. Most of our</p> <p>6 citizens don't realize that, but if you look at the map you</p> <p>7 can see the way Monroe County goes over.</p> <p>8 Most people forget that Monroe County covers the</p> <p>9 southwest corner of the Peninsula and that we are</p> <p>10 contiguous to Collier and Miami-Dade counties. And</p> <p>11 geographically we are connected to Collier County by the</p> <p>12 world-famous Everglades National Park and the Big Cypress</p> <p>13 Preserve.</p> <p>14 But the thing that is really important to us here as</p> <p>15 citizens of Monroe County are the issues of environment,</p> <p>16 growth, tourism, retirement issues and, of course, housing.</p> <p>17 And when you look at these issues and you try to find</p> <p>18 commonalities with our neighbors; not surprisingly, Collier</p> <p>19 County, the Gulf coast neighbor, is the better fit.</p> <p>20 Today, Broward County and the South Dade area, they</p> <p>21 are just examples of urban sprawl, we are not. It was</p> <p>22 pointed out earlier that we had the lowest growth of all 67</p> <p>23 counties, our 2 percent growth. Our neighbors to the</p> <p>24 north, I think Dade was 16-point something and Broward</p> <p>25 County was 29.3. Well, our growth has been somewhat</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 limited by state-imposed growth standards that severely 2 limit the amount of growth that we are allowed throughout 3 this county. So, we fit with our neighbors to the 4 northwest, Collier County.</p> <p>5 Another example of the contrast between Monroe and 6 Miami-Dade would be the economic development in South Dade, 7 specifically thinking in regards to the development of the 8 Homestead Air Force Base. Residents throughout the upper 9 Keys have strongly opposed this project because of the 10 increased noise pollution and the environmental damage that 11 it would bring despite the fact that it would make air 12 travel more convenient to us. I don't know where all of 13 that is going to go now in light of, number one, the 14 military buildup, and number two, what's happening with 15 airports.</p> <p>16 But nonetheless, citizens in South Dade have sought 17 this project as a catalyst for developing jobs and growth 18 in the area. If you have a legislator that has to 19 represent both sides of that issue, I don't know how they 20 could possibly do it.</p> <p>21 When we think the impact that this places on a 22 legislator, he will have to choose between the vastly 23 different needs of two vastly different communities whose 24 only commonality is geographical. I mean, it would be nice 25 if you could just draw the districts by blocking the state</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 families, families of color and of minorities. And we have 2 many ethnic identities throughout the area. But I have 3 found that the 17th District, if you take a look at it, and 4 all of you know it even better than I, it is long and winds 5 through many different communities and yet we have a 6 community interest, a very strong community interest in the 7 17th Congressional District. We are serving the needs 8 mostly of people who are under 80 percent of median income, 9 many of whom are under 50 percent of median income. Many 10 of the areas of highest unemployment, the lowest standards 11 of housing and housing conditions, the most difficult areas 12 in which to provide job training and in which to provide 13 growth.</p> <p>14 And if you look throughout the 17th District, you will 15 see that many, in the census, many of the areas have not 16 grown, are not growing. There is even a de-population in 17 some of the areas, even Homestead and Florida city, which 18 will be growing in the future but due to Hurricane Andrew 19 have been stifled.</p> <p>20 There has been an outflow of the middle class from 21 Florida City and Homestead after hurricane Andrew with 22 really a higher percentage of low income families and 23 minorities in Homestead and Florida City than were before 24 1990.</p> <p>25 Each major minority group, whether they are -- and</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 off and using the population, but that won't serve our 2 purpose here, we want the commonality of interests.</p> <p>3 Another commonality that we have with Collier County 4 is housing. This commonality is not something that we are 5 necessarily proud of because housing values in both 6 counties --</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thirty seconds.</p> <p>8 MR. McDONALD: Well, all I want to say is I sure hope 9 you can join us up with people that have similar interests 10 with us, and I have heard that come from some of the 11 speakers before and I believe there are more to say the 12 same. Thank you, gentlemen.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 4.</p> <p>14 MR. MAINSTER: Good morning. It is a pleasure to be 15 able to address all of you, I never would get this 16 opportunity otherwise. My name is Steven Mainster I am the 17 executive director of Center Campesino, Farmworkers Center. 18 Our offices are in Florida City, Florida. I am speaking 19 here as a private citizen on my own time, basically to give 20 you my personal input.</p> <p>21 I live in the 20th District and I work in the 17th 22 Congressional District. I am represented by Representative 23 Carrie Meek. And I have lived and worked in my whole 24 career trying to help low-income families, especially in 25 the areas of housing and education, primarily farm worker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 they are distinct in our area. Mexican-American, other 2 Hispanic, many Central Americans, African-American and 3 Haitians, they have all received the attention and sisterly 4 help that only Carrie Meek has been able to do as a 5 Representative. And leaders of establishment groups have 6 also found a warm welcome and strong advocacy and 7 assistance from Carrie Meek. She has been extremely strong 8 in trying to assist in the redevelopment of the air base 9 with the establishment folks, she has helped organizations 10 that I'm associated with and people that I am associated 11 with, farm workers and others; funding for out-of-school 12 programs.</p> <p>13 She's struggling right now at the national level, as 14 you all know, to keep Federal CDBG funds targeted to 15 low-income communities. This is something that we have 16 been very, very concerned about, that CDBG not be used to 17 fund public works other than for poor people. And this is 18 something that, by having this community of interest and 19 working and keeping our district together she has been able 20 to speak on behalf of poor people. And now, of course, 21 finding economic development resource for the City of 22 Homestead.</p> <p>23 In each of these issues, this district has been able 24 to demonstrate --</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thirty seconds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 MR. MAINSTER: -- effective and efficient 2 representation. And I respectfully request that the 17th 3 Congressional District be kept essentially the same in the 4 future to keep our community of interest from being 5 fragmented and losing our effective representation. Thank 6 you very much for your time. 7 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Number 5. 8 MR. GOEBEL: Good morning. First I would like to 9 welcome you all to Monroe County. I have never seen quite 10 so many ties, coats and socks in a long time. It is a 11 little intimidating, I can tell you. My name is Greg 12 Goebel, I live here in the village of Islamorada, I have 13 three children and a wife. I have lived here for 47 years. 14 I'm currently a board member of the Upper Keys Rotary and 15 past president, vice-president of the Florida Keys Electric 16 Co-op, and a founding member of the Keys Marine 17 Conservancy. 18 Redistricting in Monroe County posed many 19 opportunities through many state mandates, geographical and 20 environmental concerns; our population growth in Monroe 21 County has been the lowest in the state for the -- of the 22 67 counties in the last decade. With just under 80,000 23 residents we make up a small portion of the State Senate or 24 the Congressional seat. In the House seat we have been 25 dominant over the last decade. DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 Guatemala, from Mexico, from wherever, and we are very 2 satisfied with the work that Carrie Meeks has done for us. 3 She's very supportive of the underserved population and we 4 hope that the district remains as it is. Thank you very 5 much. 6 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 7. 7 MR. MORRA: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I'm 8 Frank Morra and I am Representative Edward Bullard's 9 legislative assistant and he asked me to be here on his 10 behalf. He is also a member of the select committee on 11 security that was recently appointed by Speaker Tom Feeney 12 and he is in the process of traveling to the Orlando area 13 so that's why he couldn't be with you today. And I'm here 14 to read a statement on his behalf. 15 "Every ten years, upon completion of the United States 16 census the Florida Legislature must redraw the boundary 17 lines for the Legislative and Congressional Districts in 18 Florida. With this in mind I would like to talk to you 19 about the composition of District 118. It is a very 20 diverse district, it has both suburbs and farmland within 21 it. 22 The north end of District 118 starts on the south side 23 of Southwest 112th Street, also known as Killian Drive, and 24 goes down to the north side of Southwest 136th Street, also 25 known as Howard Drive. The north end is bounded on the DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 Monroe County is 140 miles of islands with small 2 towns, quiet atmosphere. Looking to the northeast we have 3 a megatropolis of people. To the north we have 4 agricultural. These areas have nothing in common with us. 5 Our legislators need to be effective to represent our vital 6 interests. In looking to the west and north west we have 7 the Everglades City, Goodland, Naples, Fort Myers, and they 8 share with us common interests. 9 Both Monroe and Collier counties embody the ideas of 10 small, traditional Florida towns. I sincerely hope you 11 consider these comments when redistricting our areas and 12 come forth with something both inclusive and common to our 13 needs down here in the Florida Keys. Thank you. 14 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 6. 15 MR. LOPEZ: Good morning, I would like to thank you 16 for the opportunity of being able to address the Committee 17 on Redistricting. I'm not going to be redundant, Steve 18 Mainster pretty much defined our interest. I live in 19 Leisure City and I also have offices in Florida City and 20 Homestead where we also serve the farmworker population. 21 We are more into the social services, whereas Center 22 Campesino do vocational training and housing. But I would 23 just like to say that, again, Carrie Meeks has been a 24 wonderful representative for us. We serve the farmworker 25 population which includes blacks, Haitians, Hispanics, from DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 east by U.S. 1. The western boundary on the north side of 2 the district meanders through several neighborhoods with 3 the most western part being located along Southwest 117th 4 Avenue in the northern area. 5 This area is predominantly suburban with the exception 6 of a warehouse district that lies between Southwest 128th 7 Street and Southwest 125th Street. In addition, it also 8 has several communities in it that lie to the south of this 9 area. Each of these communities has two common entities; 10 namely, each of these communities has a community 11 development corporation within it. These communities, in 12 geographic order from north to south, are Richmond Heights, 13 Fairway Heights, West Parine, South Miami Heights, West and 14 East Goulds and Homestead. Each of these communities is 15 also served by community action agencies. 16 Community action agencies are part of Miami-Dade 17 County government. Their purpose is to help those who are 18 unable to meet for themselves at any given time the most 19 basic of needs. These include paying on a one-time 20 emergency basis a mortgage payment or an electric bill. 21 District 118 also has within it a subdivision known as 22 Country Walk. This neighborhood became well known after 23 Hurricane Andrew throughout South Florida. Virtually every 24 House within it was completely destroyed. This area is 25 also suburban in character. This area is bounded on the DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 north by Southwest 136th Street, on the south by Southwest 2 152nd Street, on the east by Southwest 137th Avenue, and on 3 the west by Southwest 147th Avenue. Another suburban area 4 to the east of Country Walk is Deer Wood; it too is a 5 subdivision and is located across the street from Metro 6 Zoo.</p> <p>7 Also, the Kendall-Tamiami Airport is in District 118. 8 This airport primarily services private planes and is 9 located in the northwest corner of the district. District 10 118 also has an area of farmland in it known as the 11 Redland. This area is located south of the Country Walk 12 and Dee Wood subdivisions and is bounded the south by the 13 northern city limits of Homestead. It's bounded on the 14 east, south of West Goulds, by U.S. 1. It continues 15 westward for a few miles past Crum Avenue, otherwise known 16 as Southwest 127th Avenue.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Twenty seconds.</p> <p>18 MR. MORRA: I hope that the information that I have 19 just conveyed to you is helpful in your discussions as to 20 whether the new boundary lines are drawn. I would also 21 like the redistricting committees represented here today to 22 please let those legislators and myself who are nonmembers 23 see the maps you want the Florida Legislature to agree to 24 prior to their being voted on during the 2002 legislative 25 session. Also I would ask that public notice be given as DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 must say that I'm not representing them, I took the day off 2 to be here to speak for myself and also a number of people 3 from Key West, from the lower Keys. I also feel like the 4 first speaker, that I would very much like for you to have 5 this type of meeting in the lower Keys, because from what 6 I'm hearing this morning we have quite different feelings 7 from that end.</p> <p>8 We do have condos and we do have some higher buildings 9 and we are -- we feel like we have a number of things in 10 common with, especially, South Dade. And I for one with my 11 job have to make sure that there are people that get out of 12 the Keys safely for disasters. We don't go to Collier 13 County, we go to South Dade or we go to Broward County. We 14 have a lot to think about and to plan for and to consider 15 for special needs people, for people in the hospitals, for 16 a lot of people that have to be transported.</p> <p>17 And as you are considering this, to attach us to the 18 west coast, which would be very difficult to get to, and 19 then if things don't work -- you know what, we could still 20 go to Dade or Broward, but we wouldn't have necessarily the 21 clout that we would have if we were represented by someone 22 all the way over in Collier County. We are quite concerned 23 still about the road situation on the 18-mile stretch, and 24 we have totally different feelings from the northern Keys 25 on that issue. But don't forget about us. Not many people DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 to when the general public can review these maps and 2 comment upon them." Thank you.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 8.</p> <p>4 MS. MOWERY: Good morning Senators, Representatives, 5 and thank you for coming to the Keys to listen to us. I'm 6 speaking today, my name is Joan Mowery and I live in Key 7 Largo and I'm speaking just for myself. I am a member of 8 several different organizations and plan to gather some 9 information, and probably we will get together and then 10 prepare some written comments to send to you. But I just 11 want to reiterate what everyone has been saying, that we 12 are rural, you know, we have tourists, we have elder people 13 to take care of. And hooking us up with Collier County and 14 people that are similar to us makes so much more sense than 15 to hook us up with people that are living in condos and 16 highrises because we have nothing in common with them.</p> <p>17 So, everybody from Monroe County has said, you know, 18 let's move sideways, let's pick up Collier and let's get 19 our districts that way. And I would like to encourage you 20 to do that. Thank you.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 9.</p> <p>22 MS. GREENE: Good morning. I appreciate very much 23 that you have come down to the Keys. My name is Judy 24 Greene. I am a state employee. I am also involved in 25 disaster planning from that side with the county, but I DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 could get off. In fact, like I said, I took time off but 2 not many people could take the time to drive 120 miles this 3 morning and leave their jobs. So, there are a great number 4 of people in the southern half of this county that would 5 still like to be attached to the southern half of Dade 6 County, so I'm speaking for that group. Thank you.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 10.</p> <p>8 MR. MAURER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, 9 George Maurer from Key West. I would like to echo the 10 remarks of Ms. Greene. I don't even know how I get to 11 Naples or Fort Myers from Key West except by driving up 12 through Miami and Fort Lauderdale. I am incapable of 13 swimming through the Everglades at my age even if I chose 14 to do so. In addition to which, we have a history of being 15 represented by Distinguished Senator Jones as well as 16 Congressperson Peter Deutsch and we would if possible enjoy 17 continuity in that regard.</p> <p>18 Having made those remarks, I also have worked with May 19 and Ray Chote last year and I was one of the write-in 20 candidates against Lincoln Diaz-Balart and I think I got 25 21 votes if I remember correctly. But having said that, 22 obviously, the Democrats did not do too good of a job of 23 redistricting ten years ago. We have a Congressional 24 delegation of 15 to 8. I recognize that the Republicans 25 control the State Legislature. I would hope that you are DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 more learned and discerning than the Democrats were ten 2 years ago and I would hope that we don't go to a 3 Congressional District of 17 and 8 in a state on most 4 issues, statewide, goes roughly 50/50. 5 There are independent outfits around the country that 6 study redistricting. I would hope that you would ask for 7 some independent analysis in addition to that which you 8 might get from the various folks working up in Tallahassee. 9 I don't know that it has to be 13 and 12, but certainly 17 10 and 8 on a Congressional level would not seem highly 11 desirable. 12 I ask, and plead, that in the very serious task ahead 13 of you try to be as neutral and as foresighted as you 14 possibly can be. Thank you. 15 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 11. 16 MS. CHOTE: That is Miami-Dade County Supervisor of 17 Elections Office printout of the various districts. Many 18 of you have heard and have used the expression 19 gerrymandering as one word. The dictionary lists it as one 20 word, but it came to be because a Massachusetts' governor 21 in 1812 by the name of Eldredge Gerald Mander, was his last 22 name, wanted the districts that would favor his political 23 party and he divided up Massachusetts in almost the 24 configuration that is here. And people looking at that 25 said it looks like a salamander, and so gerrymandering was DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 in '98, I believe it was, they had to go back to a system 2 similar to what's coming up in the year 2002, that is where 3 each Congressional District had an equal number of 4 petitions to be signed. 5 In that year, May, my young bride, attempted to become 6 a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives in the 20th 7 Congressional District and wanted to do it by the 8 alternative method of gaining signatures. Well, I was her 9 chauffeur and we got a couple of rangers to sign petitions 10 who were stationed out at the Dry Tortugas. We drove back 11 and forth, up and down, and finally it was apparent we were 12 not even going to get the few, relatively few number of 13 signatures in the period available to us. 14 So, in '98 we tried again. We had people helping us 15 in Broward County and Dade County and here in Monroe 16 County. But even so, the 11,455 signatures, all of us 17 together could only get around 8,000. This year there will 18 be 2,135 signatures required in each Congressional 19 District, including the two new ones, and anybody 20 throughout the state can sign, not just in the particular 21 district. But to get around in later elections during this 22 ten-year period, I suggest that you compact the district 23 and make it easier for people who are serious about reform 24 of the way we operate our democracy so that they can go to, 25 physically go to the areas without having to drive so very DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 born. 2 This continues up for the 20th Congressional District 3 covering more than three-quarters of the county there, up 4 to almost Palm Beach County. And from Interstate 95 over 5 to the Florida Everglades, that's it, all of that is blue. 6 I hope when you are considering Monroe County, which is 7 highly unlikely to ever have a member in Congress, I hope 8 that you will give us a little consideration so that we 9 have more of a contiguous -- that is my husband. 10 But anyway, it is -- when you look at this, you get a 11 completely different picture of what the situation is. And 12 I hope you will consider this when you take your final 13 decisions and decide how we are going to be divided up. 14 Thank you very much. 15 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. 16 MS. CHOTE: Oh, I don't know if my husband is going to 17 speak now. 18 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Number 12. 19 MR. CHOTE: I will try. If you would pass these 20 along. Those of you who may not remember this, this is a 21 petition that is requesting sort of a fair shake. Ten 22 years ago a representative in the Legislature was talking 23 with Harry Sawyer, our supervisor of elections, and they 24 said at that time they expected lawsuits because of the 25 gerrymandering. Well, of course, they had the lawsuits and DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 far. 2 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thirty seconds. 3 MR. CHOTE: I recommend that you call a special 4 session of the Legislature, appoint 17 nonpartisan members 5 and let them worry about it and you folks can relax. 6 That's all, thank you. 7 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 13. Number 13. 8 Number 14. 9 MS. MARTIN: Hello, my name is Pam Martin, I live here 10 in Monroe County and I am the state committee woman for the 11 Monroe County Democratic party. Like-minded people, that's 12 what districts need to be made of, okay. The rumor that I 13 heard was that the maps are already done. Is there any 14 truth to the rumor of that? 15 (Members nonverbally indicate the negative.) 16 MS. MARTIN: All right. Compactness, continuity, no 17 packing the districts, these are very important issues 18 because we are a nation of diversity. Also there is a 19 question of having prisoners counted as local citizens 20 because a lot of times these prisoners can't vote and it 21 makes it -- also they are only short-time or they could be 22 longer-time residents of an area. So, we actually need to 23 actually look at that separately versus the voting and the 24 population that lives in an area. 25 One of the things that I would really like to see is DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 this process be on the Internet so that the citizens all 2 over the state of Florida can see it as it evolves. And 3 also, I would like to see a comment period before any plan 4 is finalized so we get to review it. As I understand now, 5 we have to put our objections on the record now because we 6 can't really do it later on.</p> <p>7 Also, we would like to have copies of all drafts 8 available to the public. And again, being on the Internet 9 we can watch that process as it goes on. And I would like 10 to remind everybody, of course, that Florida is a great 11 state because it's government in the Sunshine, and this 12 process should also be government in the Sunshine so that 13 the public can watch the process all the way through.</p> <p>14 Compactness again, like-minded. I have a little 15 different view from some of the speakers, we in Monroe 16 County, I wore out two weeks just in our own land use plan 17 in Monroe County. I actually wore them out, that's how 18 many miles put on my vehicles. And having to drive to the 19 west coast for meetings, first of all, we don't know those 20 people there at this moment, and trying to develop a 21 strategy and driving all of those hours over there to work 22 out compromises doesn't work.</p> <p>23 I even had an article at home where one of the 24 Republican legislators said that he didn't think that the 25 west coast should be included in our district. So, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 like to kind of remind that in a way, the Republican party 2 didn't do too bad with the last redistricting because you 3 have got the Governorship and you have got control of the 4 other legislations. So, again, make it public, make it 5 where people can look at and watch the process, make it 6 open. And thank you for coming down to Monroe County, I 7 appreciate that.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Number 15.</p> <p>9 MS. HARRISON: Good afternoon -- good morning. For 10 the record, my name is Debbie Harrison. Many of you know 11 me as representative for the Florida Keys Program of World 12 Wildlife Fund, and I want to be very clear that I'm not 13 representing World Wildlife Fund here today. I am a 14 20-year resident of Monroe County. I have been very active 15 in civic and political and school and community activities 16 in my community for many years. This is the place that I 17 have chosen to make my home, it is the place that I have 18 chosen to raise my son.</p> <p>19 But the reason that I do what I do in my life is 20 because I care very passionately, as I know many of you who 21 I know from activities that we share, do about our 22 environment. Because in the Florida Keys our environment 23 is our way of life, it is why we live here, it is our 24 economy.</p> <p>25 And I have spent many, many years serving the State of DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 like-minded groups, I am coming back to that again. We 2 travel to Miami all of the time. We have commuters who 3 commute to the Keys and key workers who commute to Miami to 4 work.</p> <p>5 Also, a lot of folks commute to schools in Miami in 6 the university system. We go to Miami for shopping, so 7 there is a tradition already of having that attachment.</p> <p>8 Homestead is also a rural area, we have a lot in common 9 with those folks. When it comes to everything from our 10 drinking well water, to our electric, to transportation, we 11 have that history and connection to the Miami-Dade County 12 area.</p> <p>13 So, a lot of times when you are looking at the 14 big-picture issues, we don't have the same interests of 15 folks that are on the west coast. When it comes to our 16 drinking well water, we need to work with the Homestead 17 area there. When legislation comes and Monroe County folks 18 get more legislation than you want to actually shake a 19 stick at, but not necessarily the money to pay for it, but, 20 you know, so again, most of those issues deal with the 21 folks that are on more the east coast, Homestead with the 22 water, how it's going and, and we are all connected to that 23 system.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thirty seconds.</p> <p>25 MS. MARTIN: Okay. Again, transportation. So I would DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 Florida and the United States in capacities. I have sat on 2 the Sanctuary Advisory Council for the Florida Keys 3 National Marine Sanctuary for -- since 1995. I have served 4 on the South Florida Regional Planning Council as a member 5 for eight years. I have served -- what else do I?</p> <p>6 I have served as the chairman of our school advisory 7 council for my son's elementary school for six years. And 8 I have served for many years as a member of the Governor's 9 Commission for Sustainable South Florida where Senator 10 Jones and I worked together on the issues that intertwine 11 the Everglades' system with the Florida Keys' system.</p> <p>12 And it is a concern about the interface between the 13 Everglades system and the Florida Keys and our marine 14 system and our coral reef that brings me here to you today 15 to encourage you to support maintaining District 20 as it 16 currently exists. And as we look over to the map on the 17 wall that outlines the current Congressional Districts, we 18 can see that the entire Everglades system down through the 19 Florida Keys is connected, it is interfaced, just as 20 ecologically the system is interfaced.</p> <p>21 When I served on the Governor's Commission for 22 Sustainable South Florida, much of our discussion was about 23 the impact that restoring historic water flow to the 24 Everglades would have on Florida Bay and on the Florida 25 Keys and, on the coral reefs and, and on the economy of the DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 Florida Keys. And there is no question that it is a direct 2 connection, we are the recipients of whatever happens north 3 of us. And we need a Congressional District that reflects 4 that unanimity and understanding and action in whatever is 5 going to take place, particularly as we look at the 6 Congressional actions at the Federal level but also at the 7 state level. 8 The Florida Keys will either see continued decline in 9 and our reefs will continue to be imperiled or we will see 10 a significant improvement based upon how we are represented 11 and the understanding of that interconnection. 12 And I want to speak specifically to the role that 13 Representative Peter Deutsch has played in that over the 14 last decade here in the Florida Keys. 15 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Twenty seconds. 16 MS. HARRISON: Representative Deutsch came to the 17 Florida Keys as our representative in 1992, when probably 18 nobody in their right mind wanted to represent Monroe 19 County because we were a contentious group of individuals 20 that were often described as pirates. Of course, 21 Representative Sorensen was there able to protect us. But 22 Representative Deutsch was able to turn that around in the 23 sanctuary. We had a referendum where we voted against the 24 sanctuary. Right now you see chambers of commerce and 25 businesses supporting it. DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 which was a long haul. I sit on the Technical Advisory 2 Committee to the National Marine Sanctuary. I have for 3 years belonged to the Condominium Managers Association. 4 And as a matter of fact, I sat on the very first water 5 quality committee to be put together in Monroe County. 6 I live on Plantation Key, 203 Apache Street in the 7 Village of Islands. And in the 2000 Census, our population 8 was approximately 79,000, so it is without any doubt that 9 we are going to have to be paired with our northern 10 neighbors to complete State House, State Senate and 11 Congressional seats. The sheer size of the State Senate 12 and Congressional seats effectively means that Monroe 13 County will probably not elect a local candidate on its own 14 to either of those two houses. 15 When deciding what county to pair Monroe with for 16 redistricting purposes, I consider us to be somewhat 17 ambidextrous, and that is from a geographical fit, 18 standpoint, we could really go either way. And on the 19 other hand, Monroe County has the most amount of shoreline, 20 I believe, of any county in the State of Florida. 21 Surprising to many, the vast majority of our county's land 22 abuts the Gulf coast while most of our populated islands 23 are bicoastal. 24 The Monroe County Gulf shorelines starting at the 25 southwest corner of the State's peninsula runs DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 We are looking at significant water quality decline. 2 We have come to the State of Florida, Florida has been most 3 gracious in agreeing to help us with our Federal funding. 4 It was through Representative Deutsch's efforts that we 5 were able to secure the authorization of \$100 million for 6 water quality improvements in the Florida Keys that will be 7 directed to waste water and storm water. 8 I will tell you the residents of Monroe County cannot 9 afford a \$1 billion bill to improve water quality in the 10 Florida Keys; we have 80,000 residents. I know my time is 11 up and I appreciate your attention and I appreciate the 12 representation that we have had from Mr. Sorensen, from 13 Daryl, and Lee, it's great to have you here. You know 14 there are so many of you that I see at the Everglades 15 conferences every year and I would share one final thing -- 16 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you for appearing, we 17 appreciate it. 18 MS. HARRISON: Thank you. 19 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Number 16. 20 MR. SCHRADER: Good morning. My name is Chris 21 Schrader, I have been a voting citizen of the Keys since 22 1971. In that time, I have been fairly busy in keys' 23 community activities. I have been past president of the 24 Upper Keys Rotary, I have been the president and 17 years 25 as a member of the board of trustees of Mariner's Hospital, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p> <p>1 approximately 60 miles north of Cape Sable to the Collier 2 County line. All of this area is part of Everglades 3 National Park. Further north along the coast, just inside 4 Collier County, the Everglades National Park ends and the 5 shoreline is then protected as part of the 10,000 Islands 6 National Wildlife Area. 7 These two environmental landmarks, along with Big 8 Cypress Natural Preserve make up a fragile ecosystem. Our 9 environmental treasures shouldn't be viewed or shouldn't 10 come to be -- to cause a representative barrier, they 11 should be viewed as a symbol of unity, uniting two 12 environmentally sensitive counties, Collier and Monroe. 13 As the Everglades restoration plan goes into effect, 14 it seems it would be best if the two counties who share 15 such a large portion of the environmental resource should 16 be unified in their voice in government. 17 Another fact not to be overlooked is that for most 18 purposes, Monroe County is classified as a rural county by 19 the state and by the Census Bureau. 20 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thirty seconds. 21 MR. SCHRADER: Excuse me? 22 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thirty seconds. 23 MR. SCHRADER: Thank you. Certainly not your typical 24 southern rural counties, but on issues like schools, 25 scarcity of funding and others, we are in the same category DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p> <p>1 as Hendry or Glades County. That is in sharp contrast to 2 Miami-Dade and Broward counties with well over 3.5 million 3 people, which are considered metropolitan areas and 4 typically compete with America's largest cities in the 5 population rankings. It is my hope that as you think about 6 how to redistrict you will see that both Monroe and Collier 7 counties are very similar, while Monroe and Dade are 8 dramatically different. Thank you very much.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: That is all of the cards we have. 10 Are you 13?</p> <p>11 MR. CHENOWITH: Yes, I thought the young lady said 30, 12 so I was waiting. My name is Michael Chenowith and I am 13 speaking on behalf of myself today, although I am involved 14 with a number of environmental organizations and many of 15 you know me through that capacity. First I want to thank 16 you all for being here, our Senators and Representatives 17 are very important to us. And I want to say right up front 18 that I'm really pleased with the sincere efforts that I 19 have seen from all of our elected officials that represent 20 this area, both our Senator and Representative as well as 21 our member of Congress.</p> <p>22 And being a Democrat, 17 to 8 sounds really good to 23 me, but I know that you have other considerations that you 24 have to take into account. So, what I wanted to say to you 25 today was, the Keys is all about geography, we are a unique DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p> <p>1 job of making sense out of this very difficult state that 2 we have and at the same time providing opportunities for 3 people of color, among other things, to have a voice in our 4 representative government. And both of those are important 5 factors that are to be considered. It is a tough job that 6 you have, but that's why you were elected.</p> <p>7 I want to thank you for being here again and ask you 8 to please try to do everything to make our access to our 9 representatives' offices as compact as possible. Thank you 10 very much.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. That is all of the 12 cards that we have. Our custom has been that we allow the 13 delegation members to speak. In this particular case, we 14 have both of them here. If they would like to say a few 15 words, they can. They don't have to. Representative 16 Sorensen, you are recognized.</p> <p>17 REPRESENTATIVE SORESENSEN: Thank you, Chairman, I 18 appreciate it. And as pointed out, I would like to -- and 19 I'll stay at the four-minute line, give me 30 seconds like 20 you did everybody else. The same rules should apply. I 21 would like to point out, I am I believe the only one up 22 here without a tie, so I'm in native garb. I appreciate 23 the comments that came from everyone and I enjoyed 24 particularly Michael Chenowith's recent comments. This is 25 a very difficult process, it happens every ten years. I DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p> <p>1 area and geography makes us that way. It makes us 2 interesting but it also makes life very difficult here. 3 Because the distances that we have to go to do anything are 4 so very great.</p> <p>5 I like the depiction of District 20 that's on the map 6 over there that Debbie Harrison referred to, but at the 7 same time it concerns me that our -- that we are paired 8 with a population that so much outweighs us up in Broward 9 County. And I would feel better if District 20 was 10 weighted toward the south end of Dade County and the 11 Redlands where there are rural areas that have similar 12 population densities to what we have and where we could 13 have a much smaller distance to reach the office of our 14 elected member of Congress.</p> <p>15 For example, I would be delighted to have 16 Representative Meek represent us, all right. I am 17 delighted with the way Peter Deutsch has done, he has done 18 a great job, I'm very happy with what he's done, it's just 19 that it's almost 100 miles from where I live to Broward 20 County. It's over 100 miles from where I live to Key West. 21 So, to reach that office, if it was in Homestead it would 22 only be 25 miles and it would be a lot easier to maintain a 23 more personal connection with that office and maybe get 24 better input to there.</p> <p>25 So, I realize that you have a big job, you have the DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p> <p>1 went through this same process in Monroe County in 1980 2 when I was one of the county commissioners and mayor and so 3 forth. So, the process is governed by law. I will 4 reassure you that no maps have been drawn, that's not been 5 done nor has anyone done that. Maybe somebody has some 6 ideas of what they would like to have, but this committee 7 has not done anything in that line.</p> <p>8 My district is currently 150 miles from end to end, it 9 is often described as five nations divided into 40 tribes. 10 It is a difficult process at the best and, and so forth. I 11 would point out that, I would like to thank everybody for 12 coming, particularly on this committee to give Monroe 13 County an opportunity and their citizens to have an input 14 into the process, I think that's very important.</p> <p>15 This is a critical step in keeping our democracy 16 vibrant. And what we have is we have Federal laws that 17 will guide the process, and those rules will apply. We 18 don't have a right in the Legislature to draw what we 19 simply want, it has to meet all of the guidelines of one 20 man, one vote, and that will be done.</p> <p>21 And we the people, I speak for the people in audience 22 if I can, appreciate, Mr. Chairman, you bringing the 23 committee down here. It is important to us, because so 24 often at the end of the track here, 750 miles away from 25 Representative Miller's district in the west end of the DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p> <p>1 Panhandle, it is a long distance and a lot of changes 2 between people. 3 I was interested to hear what I felt was almost a 4 preponderance of people talking about aligning us with 5 Collier County. It is a new and unique idea because 6 historically we have been tied together with Dade County, 7 but the makeup of Dade County I believe has changed 8 dramatically in the last ten years and Collier may be 9 something that you all want to take a good look at, with 10 regard to its rural atmosphere, its commonalities of 11 interest, environment. 12 We are tied together in major ecosystems together, our 13 economy and housing have a lot of similarities. However, I 14 am prepared to say that whatever fits the Federal 15 guidelines I'll be happy to stay in that district and 16 represent all people within that district. And when I say 17 all, it's very simple, I don't have to go to minorities and 18 say that because one of my best friends in this current 19 district is the mayor of Florida City and I have one of the 20 best relationships I have ever had politically with him, 21 that's Mayor Penelas and the entire board of Homestead, I 22 have no problem. I look forward to serving the people of 23 District 120, no matter what the makeup is and I am sure 24 that we will do that. And thank you, Mr. Chairman, I 25 appreciate the opportunity. I think I was a little DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p> <p>1 as it relates to reapportioning Congressional seats, we 2 have a tendency to try to seek the smallest possible 3 deviation in population possible, rarely do we go more than 4 the 1 percent deviation. And I think ten years ago our 5 deviation was smaller than 1 percent in how we constructed 6 the Congressional seats. So, what you will find is that 7 the ideal population is reached pretty conclusively in 8 Congress seats. Since Congressman Deutsch needs to lose 9 144,000 people in his district as presently constituted, I 10 think it's possible that there may be some changes in how 11 that comes out. 12 The House and Senate seats traditionally will have a 13 larger deviation, and you may see anywhere from more than 1 14 percent to a high of 10 percent deviation in state 15 legislative races from the ideal population. And so, 16 depending on what standards are adopted by the Florida 17 Legislature, that could have some impact on the 18 representation that you also enjoy in both the House and 19 Senate. 20 I would say this, though, the concept that the 21 gentleman in the front row made about the 17-member 22 commission, I served on the reapportionment committee ten 23 years ago in 1990, when I was first elected to the Florida 24 Legislature. It seems -- and it was all-consuming. I 25 think as many as eight special sessions dealing with DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p> <p>1 surprised by the turnout that we had, it was a big turnout 2 here. Thank you for coming. 3 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Senator Jones. 4 SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of 5 all, I want to thank all of you for being here today and 6 for giving us an idea of what some of your wishes are with 7 respect to reapportionment. 8 In addition, Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you and the 9 members here for coming down to Monroe County to spend some 10 time. It is not only a beautiful area, but it's also a 11 very important area for our state, one of the major tourist 12 destinations of our state, so it's certainly justifiable to 13 be here as well. 14 I just wanted to say, make a few comments about some 15 of the comments that were made here today as well, and 16 maybe add a couple of other bits of information that may or 17 may not have been covered in the initial briefing. When we 18 take a look at the Congressional seat here that is 19 represented by Congressman Deutsch, if you take a look at 20 his district you will realize that the District right now 21 has approximately 144,000 more people in it as presently 22 constituted than is ideal for a Congressional seat in the 23 State of Florida. 24 Historically and, and legal counsel can correct me if 25 I'm wrong, but as I understand it, the law, or our custom DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 53</p> <p>1 various issues, and reapportionment being part of nearly 2 all of them. It had severe impact I think on the lives of 3 a lot of legislators, as well, in addition. 4 This process this time seems that it won't be as 5 contentious from a special session and time-consuming 6 standpoint, particularly it will -- it could go to court as 7 well as the one did ten years ago, but we'll see how that 8 works out. I think we have great leadership on both the 9 House and Senate side, from both sides of the aisles, 10 Democratic and Republicans alike, and I think there's a 11 possibility that we can come up with a plan that will be 12 workable for all sides because of the quality of people 13 that we have involved here. 14 I think, Pam, your comments about accessibility of the 15 information, we are there. You will see a lot, and Senator 16 Webster can verify this as well, that a lot of this will be 17 on the Internet as we go through the process and you will 18 have access to it, and as long as you are watching you will 19 know what's going on. And I think that won't be a problem. 20 I think that when you talk ability all drafts being on 21 the Internet. Let me qualify that, all drafts that are 22 submitted, that actually become amendments will probably be 23 there; is that right Mr. Chairman? 24 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Yes. 25 SENATOR JONES: Okay. And, of course, when people DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 54</p> <p>1 conceptualize things, they may not get there until they 2 actually submit them. I think it's extremely important, 3 the environmental issues down here are very important for 4 the Keys. The reason that the Keys community is able to 5 prosper is in direct relationship to the quality of the 6 environment that we have here. And I can tell you that 7 certainly the top of my list is trying to do the kinds of 8 things that Representative Sorensen and I have been working 9 on, to eradicate the cesspits, to improve initial water 10 quality, and to find different ways to fund those projects 11 are certainly the things that we are working on. 12 And I'm confident that whatever representation you 13 have, since I am term limited and will not have the 14 opportunity to represent the Keys again after November 2002 15 as your State Senator, hopefully in a different capacity, 16 that the people that you do elect will take those issues 17 into account. Again, I want to thank y'all for being here, 18 this is a great session. I am really impressed by the 19 turn-out that we have had here today, and also the quality 20 of the comments were just extraordinary. 21 I think that the concept of going to the west coast is 22 interesting. I wonder if it would be -- you know, I'm one 23 who always wants to follow the will of the people. I sense 24 a slight, like Representative Sorensen indicated, a slight 25 preponderance of today's testimony as wanting to have, I DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 56</p> <p>1 Well, I know the rest of my colleagues are going to wear 2 ties. 3 REPRESENTATIVE SORENSEN: Daryl, you have already made 4 your decision, it is too late. I promise 60 seconds only. 5 I wanted to comment on something that Ms. Harrison brought 6 up. And what I'm doing, I am not talking to folks out in 7 the audience I'm talking to the people next to me and 8 behind me. She raised the point of a billion dollars and I 9 need to let everybody here know, because we are going to be 10 coming up with some legislation this year, we have a bill, 11 if you take storm water and mandates on the 80,000 people 12 in Monroe County, flood, storm water and sewage are going 13 to come out at about \$1.8 billion, that's \$22,000 for every 14 man, woman, and child in diapers. I am going to be 15 coming -- we have, in fact, we have got a moratorium, 25 16 years of critical concern legislation, ROGO and the rest of 17 it. I am going to be coming to you for some help this 18 year. Right now with an average income of \$24,000 a year 19 for the working people down here we have an average rental 20 of almost \$1,000 a month. We are going to be looking for 21 some help on some ship and sail programs. I appreciate 22 that while we are protecting this environment, I need some 23 special help from the Legislature. Thank you, 24 Mr. Chairman. 25 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you. Anyone else? I will DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 55</p> <p>1 think, Congressional representation anyway, towards the 2 west coast. But I would caution you that, I think that it 3 would be difficult to have a voice in such an arrangement 4 and to have to travel through Miami first and then west 5 would also be very difficult for you too. 6 And I'm not sure how they would view the population in 7 the Keys and whether or not they would be sensitive to your 8 issues. There is a substantial rural population in South 9 Dade County in the agricultural area but the agriculture is 10 not the same as what you have here, so I think those points 11 are very well taken. So we will try to work our way 12 through them and do our very best to provide a district 13 that can at least meet the needs of this community. Thank 14 you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 15 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Thank you, senator. Our normal 16 procedure is that members don't speak twice; however, this 17 is an informal area, and therefore, Representative Sorensen 18 would like to informally address the crowd again and we are 19 going to let him. 20 REPRESENTATIVE SORENSEN: If we take our ties off. 21 CHAIRMAN WEBSTER: Yes, if we take our ties off you 22 can do it. 23 SENATOR JONES: I do want to say one other thing, 24 though, when it came to dress, I struggled with what to 25 wear down here, you know, I mean, I struggled. And I said, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 57</p> <p>1 say this, for the person that spoke, we did come here ten 2 years ago, actually we went to Key West, and I am impressed 3 with the people that came because we had about, probably, 4 you know, two or four -- well, there were 50 percent more 5 members here today than there were then, and for the 6 crowd's standpoint, there were three people that showed up 7 and none of them wanted to testify. So we have been 8 impressed with what you had to say today and I think this 9 was the right place to have this meeting. 10 So thank y'all for coming. The hearing is adjourned. 11 (Meeting concluded.) 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (850) 488-9675</p>

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